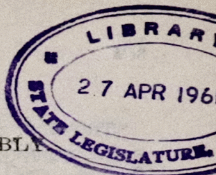


THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, the 17th August 1960.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at half past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

I. OBITUARY REFERENCE TO SRI K. NATARAJAN, EX. M.L.C.

MR. SPEAKER : "I regret to have to inform the House of the death of Sri K. Natarajan, a former Member of the Legislative Council. By way of expressing our sorrow, I request hon. Members to stand in silence for one minute."

The hon. Members stood in silence for one minute.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Death of one Ramalingam in Police custody

* 2 *S.N.Q.*—SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN : SRI M. KARUNANITHI : } Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether one Ramalingam, aged twenty-five, was arrested by the Town Police, Kumbakonam, on 14th August 1960;

(*b*) whether he died while under Police custody on 15th August 1960; and

(*c*) the causes for death?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) According to the information now available with Government, Ramalingam was not arrested, but was removed to the Police station on the night of the 14th August for interrogation as he was creating disturbance in a public meeting.

(*b*) He died on the night of the 14th after he was admitted in hospital for treatment for bug poison which he was reported to have taken earlier.

(*c*) In a fit of depression over having lost his entire savings, Ramalingam is reported to have taken bug poison on the evening of the 14th and died the same night as a result of this in spite of the medical aid given to him at the hospital.

SRI K. ANBAZHAGAN: இளைஞர் ராமலிங்கம் கைது செய்யப்பட்டபோது என்ன நேரம்? இறந்து போனபோது என்ன நேரம்? இறந்துபோன பிறகு பஞ்சாயத்தார் கூடி ஆராய்ச்சி செய்து அவர்களால் சொல்லப்பட்டிருக்கிற முடிவு என்ன?